AN ARMISTICE PROPOSED.

THE POWERS TAKE ACTION.

A COLLECTIVE NOTE SUBMITTED TO THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT.

THE PORTE ASKED TO ISSUE ORDERS TO ARREST THE PROGRESS OF ITS TROOPS-LATEST

NEWS FROM EUROPEAN CAPITALS RE-GARDING PEACE CONDITIONS. Constantinople, May 12.—The ambassadors of

the Powers held a prolonged conference to-day, at the close of which they presented to the Turkish Government a collective memorandum proposing an armistice between Turkey and Greece on the basis of the negotiations for peace now in progress through the Powers.

The memorandum, which was presented to Ahmed Tewfik Pacha, the Turkish Minister of Foreign Affairs, by the Dean of the Diplomatic Corps, Baron de Calice, the Austro-Hungarian Ambassador, enumerates the conditions which have been accepted by Greece, and begs the Porte to issue the necessary orders to arrest the progress of the Turkish troops.

London, May 13.-The Athens correspondent of "The Daily Telegraph" says:

"By the Czar's express command Count Muravieff, the Russian Foreign Minister, has instructed M. De Nelidoff, the Russian Ambassador at Constantinople, to insist peremptorily upon a cessation of hostilities by Turkey.

"I also learn that Count Muravieff has decided to have an Assembly elected in Crete in order to ascertain the true Cretan opinion. If the Cretans reject autonomy, the entire question will be reconsidered.

"This attitude is full of hope for Crete and

Greece."
The Berlin correspondent of "The Daily News" says he learns on excellent authority that the Turkish Government demands a war indemnity of f3,000,000 and the right to occupy Thessaly until it is paid.

The correspondent of "The Daily Telegraph" ht Constantinople says the Sultan resents the mediation of the Powers and desires to negotiate with Greece directly. If this is refused Turkish demands will be more exacting.

The Rome correspondent of "The Daily Mail"

Bays: "I ascertain at the Italian Foreign Office that Turkey will certainly accede to the request for an armistice, and will place herself in the hands of the Powers. The general conditions of inof the Powers. The general conditions of in-demnity and a strategic rectification of frontier, upon which Turkey insists, have been already acquiesced in by the Powers. It is probable that the Powers will land additional troops in Crete.

Paris, May 12.-According to a dispatch received here from Constantinople all the ambassadors of the Powers there have agreed upon the question of mediation between Turkey and Greece, and only a few details as to its form remain to be settled.

FIGHTING IMMINENT IN THESSALY. EDHEM PACHA HAS ESTABLISHED HEADQUAR-TERS AT PHARSALOS.

Pharsalos, May 12.-Important fighting is expected here between the Turks and Greeks unless an armistice is immediately agreed upon at Constantinople. Edhem Pacha, the Turkish Commander-in-

Chief, has established his headquarters on a hill opposite Pharsales. The Greek irregulars are raiding parts of Thes-

aly, and irregular Greek bands have attempted to cut the Turkish line of communication with Constantinople, May 12 .- A decree issued to-

day by the Council of Ministers orders a bat-tallon of gendarmes to be dispatched to Larissa, and also appoints the former Ottoman consuls at Volo, Larissa and Trikhala to be kaimakams, or administrators of those districts, with power to organize Turkish administration in those parts of Greece batch of wounded Turkish soldiers

The Fourth Sactor of Wolfers and Sacrived here.

The Sultan will personally defray the cost of the war medals which are to be presented to the Turkish troops which have taken part in the campaign against the Greeks.

London, May 13 .- A dispatch to "The Standard" from Constantinople says:

"An imperial irade has been issued directing military governors to give preference to natives, wherever possible, in making official appointments. In Thessalv the official reports are not favorable. The Turkish reconnoisance in force at Domoko has been repulsed, and the attack on Arta, which promised to be successful, has also resulted in a check. It is believed, the on Arta, which promised to be successful, its believed that also resulted in a check. It is believed that Edhem Pacha is developing an outflanking movement with the right and left wings with a view of rendering the Greek position at Domoko untenable."

UNEASINESS AT ATHENS. IMPATIENT AT THE DELAY OF THE POWERS-

AGITATION FOR A REPUBLIC.

Athens, May 12 .- The fact that there is no news of renewed fighting must be regarded as good news, but an uneasy feeling exists here.

The Turks are trying to outflank the Greek position at Domoko, and the delay in the Porte's reply is also interpreted to mean that Turkey does not intend to cease hostilities.

Telegrams from the front report that both armies are concentrating in anticipation of an engagement.

The city continues quiet, though it is believed that the numerous Italian volunteers and Socialists now here will endeavor to foment a revolution leading up to a republic. But the Greeks are devoted to the monarchical idea, and the worst that is likely to happen will be a change

of sovereign. return of the Crown Prince Constantin to the capital might produce disturbances, but he is likely to be discreet enough to avoid Athens for a time.

Athens for a time.

The "Asty" approves of the decision of the Government to accept mediation, and urges calmness and obedience on the papers which help to aggravate the situation.

The "Acropolis" asserts that the decision of the Powers should be respected, and discusses the chances of an honorable peace. The "Kairl" attacks Premier Raili for seeking

peace, and other newspapers urge the Govern-ment so to organize for defence that, if peace is impossible, it can continue the war on the most favorable conditions.

London, May 13 .- The correspondent of "The Times" at Athens says:

"Acute anxiety is felt here because of the ab-sence of any flews from General Smolenski's col-

"Owing to the delay in arranging the armistice the Government has addressed a strong protest to the Powers, declining to bear the responsibility should further bloodshed occur and lead to seri-ous complications.

"As M. Ralli explains to me, the Government

is in a serious predicament. In order to secure mediation it has compromised itself in the eyes of both Greeks and Cretars without obtaining a positive guarantee that Turkey vill cease hostli-ities. Should the war be resumed the position of the Government will be most unenviable.

GREEK TROOPS MAY LEAVE CRETE. ADMIRALS OF THE BLOCKADING PLEET IN-FORMED OF THE WISHES OF THE POWERS.

Constantinople, May 12.-The Admirals in command of the foreign fleets in Cretan waters have been informed of the mediation of the Powers between Turkey and Greece and have

been instructed to permit the departure of the Greek troops from the Island of Crete. Athens, May 12.—It is officially announced that the Powers have informed the Greek Government that the Greek troops may leave the Island of Crete, and that the Admirals of the international fleet will release the steamers which have been seized during the blockade. London, Kay 13.—"The Times" correspondent Candia says: "It is feared that autonomy will lail to pacify Crete, owing to the opposition of 20,000 Cretan Mahometans in the island. They suspect that autonomy will end in union with

Greece, while the insurgents are still deflant and ar asily talk of resisting the departure of the areek troops."

CAPTURE OF A TURKISH STEAMER. TAKEN BY GREEK WAR VESSELS OFF THE COAST OF ASIA MINOR.

Athens, May 12.-Advices received here today from the island of Skiathos, off the east coast of the Volo peninsula, say that the Greek gunboat Peneus and the Greek torpedo-boat No. 14 captured yesterday, off the island of Tenedos, on the west coast of Asia Minor, a Turkish steamer having on of Asia Minor, a Turkish steamer harms board 100 Turkish soldiers, six officers, 300 Mar-tini rifles, several thousand cartridges, six quick-fire guns, various military stores and i4,000 (\$20,000) in cash. The money was found upon a Turkish major, who was one of the officers Turkish major, who was one of the officers captured. The Greek warships took the prize to the island of Skiathos.

A report that there were German officers on the Turkish steamer is denied.

THE POPE AND THE SULTAN. WHT RELATIONS BETWEEN THE VATICAN AND THE YILDIZ KIOSK CEASED.

London, May 13.-The Rome correspondent of "The Standard" gives to-day the history of the discontinuance of relations between the Porte and the Vatican. He says:

"Last summer the Pope in an autograph letter begged the Sultan to protect the Christians in Crete. The Papal delegate, Monsignor Bonetti, obtained an audience at the Yildiz Klosk and formally presented the letter.

"The Sultan, evidently irritated, said in an undertone in Turkish: 'Who's this Pope that's always meddling in the affairs of our State?" and then aloud, in French: "Tell His Holiness that it is my constant care to attend to the welof all my subjects.'
he Pope, deeply offended at seeing his plans

for the Eastern churches upset in this fashion, tried another letter last October. This had a better reception, but was never answered, and there have been no direct communications between the Vatican and the Porte since."

EX-EMPRESS EUGENIE'S WISHES. URGING THE APPOINTMENT OF A BONAPARTE PRINCE TO RULE CRETE.

Vienna, May 12.-The "Neue Freie Presse" says ex-Empress Eugenie is urging the appointment of a Bonapartist Prince for the rulership of the Island of Crete, under the autonomist regime proposed by the Powers.

AUSTRIA'S RELATIONS WITH RUSSIA. BARON BANFPY MAKES A FORMAL STATEMENT IN THE HUNGARIAN DIET.

Budapest, May 12.-In the lower house of the Hugarian Parliament to-day Baron Banffy, the Premier, replying to interpellations with respect to the recent visit of the Emperor Francis Joseph to St. Petersburg, said:

"Austria-Hungary's position toward her allies is unchanged. The Triple Alliance is not one of those short-lived political combinations which can easily be replaced by other arrangements. The Triple Alliance constitutes the unchange-able basis of Austria's foreign policy. It is ab-solutely peaceful and therefore allows its mementer into friendly agreements with other

Powers.

"Russia, like Austria-Hungary, has declared that she is not pursuing selfish ends in the East, but that she has as her only aims the maintenance of order, security and the preservation of the status quo. In the light of these facts I declare positively that Austria-Hungary and Russia have identical and harmonious aims in their Eastern policies, and the visit of the Emperor to St. Petersburg has doubtless helped to foster and to strengthen the good relations

GREEKS ABANDON EPIRUS. ACCORDING TO THE TURKS THEY ALL FLED TO ARTA.

Constantinople, May 12.—The Turkish military commander at Janina telegraphs that all the Greek forces in Epirus have fied to Arta, abandoning 3,000 rifles, 300 cases of ammunition and a mountain gun. Seventy-nine Greeks, the dis-patch further says, were killed in the recent fighting.

NEWFOUNDLAND LEGISLATURE ADJOURNS.

TWO BILLS RESERVED FOR THE SANCTION OF THE IMPERIAL CABINET.

St. John's, N. F., May 12.-The Legislature was prorogued to-day. Governor Murray has reserved two bills for the sanction of the Imperial Cabinet, one permitting the use of cod traps on the treaty one permitting the use of coa traps on the treaty shores where the French have fishing rights, and the other modifying the corrupt practices act. The object of the latter is to prevent a repetition of what took place four years ago, when the government jeopardized seats by expending public money in connection with the candidates favorable to itself. The next general election will take place in November.

GENERAL MILES'S PLANS NOT ALTERED.

WILL SEE THE TURKISH AND OTHER EUROPEAN ARMIES BEFORE RETURNING TO AMERICA.

Southampton, May 12.-General Nelson A. Miles, U. S. A., who arrived here to-day by the American Line steamship St. Paul from New-York, on his way to the scene of the Greco-Turkish war, was asked whether the conclusion of peace, brought about, would change his plans. The Genbrought about, would change his plans. The General said it would not, that he starts to-night for Constantinople, and that he intends to see the Turkish army and the armies of Europe generally before returning to the United States. General Horace Porter, the new United States Ambassador to France, sailed for Havre this evening. Mrs. Porter and her daughter will go to London for a week or ten days.

General W. McK. Osborne, the new Consul-General of the United States at London, and J. K. Gowdy, the new Consul-General of the United States at Parls, also started for London.

A BATTLE IN BECHUANALAND.

CHIEF TOTO CAPTURED-SIX VOLUNTEERS AND SEVENTY BECHUANAS KILLED London, May 12.-A dispatch from Cape Town

announces that a serious engagement has taken place in Bechuanaland. Chief Toto has been captplace in Beenmand Chief Toto has been captured and six volunteers have been killed.

Seventy Bechnanas were killed and many were wounded. In addition to the six volunteers killed thirteen whites were wounded. AMERICANS PRESENTED AT COURT.

London, May 12.-At the Queen's Drawing-room, at Buckingham Palace, yesterday, in addition to Miss Hay, Miss Bessie Davis, of Washington, was presented in the diplomatic circle, and Mrs. Leslie Cotton, of New-York; Miss Gilpin, of Philadelphia, and Misses Harris and Wells, places of residence not given, were presented in the general circle.

WINTRY WEATHER IN EUROPE.

London, May 12.-Heavy snowstorms have prevailed over the counties of Berkshire, Lincolnshire and Herefordshife.

In Scotland there have been heavy snow and hall storms, and the weather has been as cold as during the month of November.

There was a sharp frost in this city and in the inland counties during the night.

CHARLOTTE WOLTER WORSE. Vienna, May 12.-Charlotte Wolter, the actress, who was announced to be in a critical condition on April 28, and who subsequently recovered strength, is now worse.

LAVA FLOWING FROM VESUVIUS. London, May 12.-A dispatch from Naples announces that two large streams of lava have been flowing down Mount Vesuvius for two days past and have united with the deposits from the crup-tions of 1895. The activity in the principal crater

A NORWEGIAN BARK PROBABLY LOST. St. John's, N. F., May 12 -The crew of the French vessel St. Jean are confident that the Norwegian bark Loining, which had a collision with the St. Jean on the Grand Hanks during a fog on the night of May 6, sank within a few hours after the collision, with all hands. The Loining appeared to be seriously injured. In the morning, when the fog had cleared away, there was no sign of the vessel or of any of her boats.

TRANSVAAL'S REPLY DEFIANT.

INSISTS UPON ITS RIGHTS AND SUGGESTS ARBITRATION WITH ENGLAND.

London, May 12 -A dispatch from Cape Town says that the reply of the Transvaal Government to the strong note, said to amount to an ultimatum, from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, Joseph Chamberlain, insisting upon observance of the London Convention, is defiant in tone. It insists, the dispatch adds, upon the right of the Transvaal to demand arbitration of the questions in dispute, and also upon its right to pass the Alien Immigration law, and asserts that, if this right is disputed, arbitration is the best means of arriving at a settlement of the

LOYAL CANADIANS DINE.

THE MARQUIS OF LORNE PRESIDES OVER A JUBI-LEE FUNCTION IN LONDON.

London, May 12.- In recognition of the presence of the large number of Canadians already in London and in anticipation of the jubilee festivities next month the Royal Colonial Club gave a jubilee dinner this evening at the Holborn restaurant. The Marquis of Lorne was in the chair and covers were laid for 250 guests. The company included Sir Donald Smith, the Canadian High Commissioner, several Colonial agents, General Middleton, several prominent members of the House of Commons and others especially interested in Colonial development.

An interesting feature of the banquet was the presentation by Lieutenant-Colonel Turnbull, commander of the Canadian Artillery Association, of a shield to Captain Stowe, of the National Artillery Association, as a token of appreciation of the kind treatment extended to the Canadian rifle teams The Marquis of Lorne, in proposing "The Colonial

Empire," dwelt upon the marvellous progress of Canada and other British Colonies, and expressed the hope that the Canadian tariff would be regarded as an invitation to the Empire to insure itself on its own insurance books. The speaker spoke in terms of high praise of Sir Donald Smith's work in the Dominio Sir Donald Smith, responding, earnestly insisted

that the Canadians were loyal to England, the French Canadians especially.

CANADA'S TARIFF PROPOSALS. NOT BASED ON HOSTILITY TO THE UNITED STATES, SAYS SIR DONALD SMITH.

London, May 12.-Sir Donald Smith, the Canadian High Commissioner, in an interview with a representative of the Associated Press to-day, in regard to the tariff, remarked that it was nothing but the centuation of Canada's attachment to Great Britain, with which she desires the closest possicommercial relations, certainly with no feeling of hostility to the United States, with which country Canada is eager for real reciprocity.

Sir Donald said he was hopeful that fast steam-ships between Canada and Great Britain would be running within two years. James Roche, Irish Nationalist, Member of Parliament for the East Division of Kerry. has given notice of a motion to call attention to the Canadian tariff proposals, in addition to raising the question as to how far the treaties with France and Belgium prevent Great Britain's acquiescence. Mr. Roche opposes the Canadian tariff proposals on the ground that they will create unfair competition with Irish agriculture by flooding the markets with cheap and inferior Canadian produce."

A STORM IN THE ITALIAN CHAMBER.

HOT WORDS BETWEEN THE PREMIER AND THE FORMER MINISTER OF THE TREASURY.

London, May 13.-The Rome correspondent of Chamber of Deputies to-day (Wednesday) during the discussion of the financial proposals Government. Signor Sonnino, who was Minister of the Treasury in the last Crispi Cabinet, inter rupted Signor Luzzatti, the present Minister of the freasury, and accused him of having degraded the army and humiliated the country."

"The Marquis di Rudini, the Premier, shouted; "It was you who led the country to disaster, and you are responsible. I protest against what you are saying, and as Premier I have the right to be respected."

respected.
Signor Sonnino retorted: "Your conduct since the
disaster has been disgraceful." disaster has been disgraceful."
The Premier, visibly agitated, replied: "Then my disgrace is my glory."
A general uproar ensued, in the midst of which a Deputy shouted at the top of his voice to Signor Sonnino: "This is your gratitude after escaping impegations." impeachment."

The whole scene was bitter and violent, and has produced the most painful impression.

THE GREAT LIBERAL VICTORY IN QUEBEC.

THE HOUSE WILL PROBABLY HAVE A LIBERAL

MAJORITY OF THIRTY-PIVE. Montreal, May 12.-The Liberals are jubilant over the great victory they have gained throughout the Province of Quebec. Revised returns indicate that the House will have fifty-four Liberals and nine-teen Conservatives, a Liberal majority of thirty-five. When the last House was dissolved the figures stood: Conservatives, 46; Liberals, 23; va-

THE CZAR'S CONDOLENCES.

Paris, May 12.-The Russian Ambassador, Baron on Mohrenheim, handed an autograph letter to President Faure to-day from the Czar, expressing His Majesty's warmest condolence with the fam-ilies of the victims of the Charity Bazaar fire on May 4.

DUC D'AUMALE'S BODY LEAVES SICILY. Palermo, Sicily, May 12.-After a funeral service here to-day over the body of Duc d'Aumale, who died on May 7 at his villa at Zuccos from shock at hearing the news of the death of his niece by marriage, the Duchesse d'Alençon, who was of the victims of the Charity Bazaar fire at Paris on May 4, the body was embarked for France. The garrison of Palermo lined the streets along the route followed by the funeral procession.

WANT A RETALIATION LAW.

Welland, Ont., May 12.-Sailers along the canal want the Government to pass a retaliation law that will require American vessels to ship Canadian crews to take them through the canal. Canadian seamen claim that they are shut out in every way, even train crews being changed as soon as the line is crossed.

GOLD DISCOVERIES IN PERU.

Lima, Peru, May 12.-New gold mines were discovered to-day in the Province of Carabaya, Department of Puno. It is believed they will yield largely.

The Bank of Peru, London, has formed a union with the Bank of Callao and the London Bank of Mexico, and will begin business under the new arrangement on June 1.

AN APPEAL IN BEHALF OF MRS. PARNELL. London, May 12.—An appeal signed by the Lord Mayor of Dublin, John Redmond, M. P., and other influential friends of the late Charles Stewart Para fund to assist Mrs. Della Parnell, mother of the Irish leader, and other needy members of the fam-ily, by freeing the Parnell esta es at Avondale from debt and other obligations. nell, has been issued in behalf of contributions to

TO STUDY SEAL LIFE FURTHER. Ottawa, May 12.-Professor Macoun, of the Geological Department of the Dominion Government, left here to-night for the Pribyloff Islands, where

he goes to make a further study of seal life. Mr. Macoun was there last season on behalf of the Government. CHOSE SPAIN AS ARBITRATOR. Madrid, May 12.-Peru and Bolivia have submitted their territorial dispute to the arbitration of Spain.

FIFTY BILLS VETOED BY MAYORS. Albany, May 12.-Fifty bills have been vetoed by Mayors, and under the Constitution they are dead, the Governor's disapproval not being necessary.

Of these bills twenty-four were vetoed by Mayor Strong, nine by Mayor Wurster, two by the Mayor of Utica, three by the Mayor of Buffalo, three Rochester, one Middletown, one Rome, one Yonkers, one Newburr, one Johnstown and two Little Falls, LAUREL HOUSE, Lakewood, open until June 1st.
The Waumbek and Cottages, White Mts., opens
June 15.—Advt.

BOTH DOCKS DISABLED.

MORE TROUBLE WITH LEAKS AT THE NAVY YARD.

TWELVE FEET IN DEPTH LET INTO DOCK NO. 2. AS A PREVENTIVE MEASURE-LEAKS AT THE EASTERN END OF THE STRUCT-

URB CAUSE ANXIETY. Both the timber drydocks at the Navy Yard

are now disabled, for late yesterday afternoon the valves in the gate of Dock No. 2, the smaller and older of the docks, were opened and about twelve feet of water allowed to flow in. Attention has been called in The Tribune to the fact that the leaks which had endangered the safety of the new dock had spread to the old one, and yesterday Naval Constructor Bowles made an inspection of the structure. Leaks were discovered at the eastern end of the dock, which, while not in themselves dangerous, showed the characteristics of the older leaks, and after a report had been made to Commodore Bunce, commandant of the yard, orders were issued to meet the trouble more than half-way, and let enough water into the dock to prevent any danger of a washout. The fact that the water leaking in is salt shows that the tides of the river have found their way into the basins.

A new board, consisting of Civil Engineers Asserson, Menocal and Endicott, has been appointed to look after the big dock, and it is expected to meet to-day. The dock is to be pumped out, a thorough examination made and an exhaustive report submitted to the Department. It is now believed that the plan first submitted for stopping the leaks-that is, driving a row of sheet spilling along the eastern edge of the dock -will prove entirely inadequate, and that a solid concrete wall will be needed not only along the eastern edge of the dock, but along the whole length of the Wallabout channel, between the abutments of the dock and the brick boundary wall running parallel with Washington-ave.

The first of the spiles for the new trench were driven yesterday, and the manner in which they went into the ground was a sufficient proof of the statement that the earth is not of a quality which would repel water. After a long tree trunk had gone down about fifteen feet the falling hammer would rebound when it struck the end of the spile, and the earth for twenty fee around would tremble and shake as if the end of the spile had landed on a bed of hard rubber. It was explained that this was caused by tim-bers and other loose material used to fill in the basin having formed a mass underneath the earth, which, while it afforded no barrier to water, was difficult to penetrate with a stick a foot in diameter.

It was pointed out as ominous that the leaks in the old dock had appeared at the eastern end, instead of the western, where they showed in the new dock, giving the inference that the whole territory was inderinined by the water from the old timber basin. It will still be possible to use the old dock in case of necessity, as it is believed that the leaks will not gain more headway than can be held in check by the pumps. This will admit the docking of the Maine, although the Indiana, which has been in the water more than year, and is in need of bilge keels, will have to

of the big dock to-day is something the yard officials are anxiously waiting to find out, and every effort will be made to stop the leaks, as quickly as possible, so that the Indiana may be taken out and cleaned.

LIQUORS IN PRESCRIPTIONS.

COMMISSIONER LYMAN SAYS THAT THIS USE OF SPIRITS IS NOT A VIOLATION OF THE LAW.

Albany, May 12.—State Excise Commissioner Lyman to-day made the following ruling in the ter of filling prescriptions by regular pharmacists where the prescriptions contain alcohol or other That where in good faith a pharmacist is obliged, in the preparation of bona fide medical preparations, to use alcohol or other spirits in the preparations, to use alcohol or other spits in the compounding thereof for the purposes of medicine, it is not a violation of the Liquor Tax law so to do, although in a towr where such medicine is prepared or prescription filled the sale of liquor, as such, is prohibited under the different questions submitted under the local option provisions of the Liquor Tax law.

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The Commissioner says; in my opinion the compounding and sale of a physician's prescription by a pharmacist of which liquor is a component par is not trafficking in liquor within the meaning of the Liquor Tax law. Such a prescription is a remedy to be administered or taken, and not 'liquor as defined by the law.'

WITH THE WHEEL LASHED.

AN INTERESTING EXPERIMENT MADE BY CAPTAIN JOHN MORRILLA

Boston, May 12.-Captain John Morrill, of the British bark Kirkhill, whose testimony at the recent Bram trial as to the sailing of the bark under a lashed wheel was excluded at the request of the defence, says in a letter to the age his city that he finds by experiments on the Kirkhill that it is impossible to keep his vessel on her course with the wheel lashed longer than 2 min-

utes and 45 seconds. He writes: "I waited until the weather conditions were as nearly as possible like those under which the Fuller was sailed at the time of the murders. Watching my chance while the ship was going five knots an hour, the wind two points abaft of the beam, water smooth like oil, and everything trimmed to a nicety, the wheel was lashed, and in 2 minutes and 45 seconds the vessel altered her course one point, in 312 minutes three points, and in 412 minutes the ship gybed over. I did not have the courage to try the experiment in an eight-

the courage to try the expert should be seen that the Herbert Fuller was making about eight knots an hour, with the wind two points abaft of the beam, when the horrible butchery on that vessel took place. The experiments made by Captain Morrill would seem to disprove the theory that it would be possible for a vessel to keep her course from fifteen to thirty minutes with her wheel lashed, as testified by some of the expert skippers introduced by the defence.

NORTH CAROLINA'S COTTON MILLS.

MANY OF THEM EXPECTED TO SHUT DOWN OR RUN ON SHORT TIME.

Charlotte, N. C., May 12.-An important meeting of cotton manufacturers will be held here on Sator cetton manufacturers will be held here on sat-urday. It is expected that more than a hundred mills will be represented. The yarn mills making low numbers probably will shut down for sixty days, and possibly for the entire summer. A num-ber of cloth mills probably will run on short time.

A NEW OBSERVATORY DEDICATED.

THE GIFT OF REESE WALL FLOWER TO THE UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA.

Philadelphia, May 12.—The new Flower telescope and observatory buildings of the University of Pennsylvania were dedicated to-day in the presence of about fifteen hundred persons. A number of addresses were made, the principal one being by Pro-fessor Simon Newcomb, formerly director of the Nautical Almanae. Other men of note present included Professors Young, of Princeton; Harkness, Frisby and Skinner, of Washington Observatory; President Brown, of Lehigh University, and Profersors Macfarlane and Merriman, of that institution: President Harris, of the Reading Railway Company; Professor Blickenslerfer, Professor Rau, of the Moravian Parochial Schools, and Professor L. M. Haupt. This addition to the university is the fesuit of a

bequest made by the late Reese Wall Flower, after whom the observatory is named. The gift com-prised a tract of land of about one hundred acres, on the crest of a range of hills in Delaware County, two miles from this city. About five acres were set apart for the three buildings now nearly completed. The observatory has a revolving steel dome eighteen feet in diameter. The telescope tube is twenty-eight feet long and its direction is accomplished by clockwork. The Flower lens is eighteen inches in diameter. It was tested on top of the mountain at Flagstaff, Ariz. by Percival Lowel. Fine observations were made with it on the canals of Mars. ty, two miles from this city. About five acres were

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NEW-YORK, THURSDAY, MAY 13, 1897.-TWELVE PAGES. ROMEYN'S CHARGES DISMISSED.

> GENERAL MERRITT REPUSES TO ORDER THE TRIAL OF LIEUTENANTS O'BRIEN

AND BAMFORD. Atlanta, Ga., May 12.-General Wesley Merritt has issued an order refusing to appoint martial to try charges against Lieutenants O'Brien and Bamford, preferred by Captain Romeyn. dismissing the charges against O'Brien he says that the charges grew out of a feeling of personal that the charges grew out of a feeling of personal spite, and that military tribunals could not be made vehicles of private revenge. In passing on the charges against Lieutenant Bamford, which grew out of his conduct with reference to his reported engagement to Miss Nina Romeyn. General Merritt says that they are not a proper subject for a court of inquiry, and that he feels that only the physical condition of Captain Romeyn can explain his action in filing them.

TWO NEGRO GIRLS LYNCHED.

THEY WERE SUSPECTED OF POISONING A FAMILY

AT JEFF, ALA. Nashville, Tenn., May 12.-A Huntsville (Ala.) dis patch to "The Banner" says that at daybreak today the bodies of Mollie Smith and Mandy Franks, two negro girls, were found swinging by ropes from trees on the side of the road leading from Jeff, Ala., to Huntsville. The lynching was done at an early hour by a mob of about twenty persons. The two girls were suspected of poisoning the family of Joshua O. Kelly at Jeff. Mollie Smith was arrested last night while making her way across the Tennessee line and Mandy Franks was captured at home. The latter is said to have made a cor fession. The first poisoning of the Kelly family occurred about two months ago, and Mr. Kelly died. A few days ago several other members of the family were poisoned, but all are recovering.

JAPANESE CRUISER AT HONOLULU.

COMMISSIONER ABIYAMA SAYS THAT HIS MISSION IS FRIENDLY.

San Francisco, May 12.-The steamer from Honolulu May 5 arrived to-day. On May 5 the Japanese cruiser Naniwa arrived from Yokohama with Japanese Commissioner Abiyama, who is to investigate the cases of the rejected immigrants. Commissioner Abiyama states that his mission is friendly. If he finds the Hawaiian Government has erred a claim for damages will be made. He denies that Japan seeks war, and says negotiations will be conducted diplomatically.

A NEW-JERSEY MINISTER ATTACKED.

THE HIGHWAYMEN ARRESTED AFTER A HARD FIGHT.

Moorestown, N. J., May 12.-The Rev. James A Wooten, pastor of the Second Baptist Church, was held up to-night by Wesley Johnson and John Bul-One of the men was armed with a revolver, and both were half-crazed with rum. The man with the revolver pointed it in the minister's face and demanded his money and valuables. Officer and demanded his money and valuables. Officer Walton saw the affair, and grabbed the man. A hard fight for possession of the weapon followed. The other man drew a knife on the officer, and a struggle for possession of that took place. In the fight the minister escaped. The officer finally subdued both men and arrested them. Johnson is an ex-convict, and is considered dangerous.

ANXIOUS TO STOP LAWLESSNESS.

A RADICAL MEASURE ADOPTED BY THE SENATE OF KENTUCKY.

Frankfort, Ky., May 12.-Turnpike raids, murders from ambush and mob lynching in Kentucky, especially the defiant continuation of the raiders, have driven the Legislature to desperate means. The Senate has defeated a bill passed by the House, ostensibly for stopping turnpike raiding, but which was palpably ineffective. The Senate sidered the most vigorous law ever placed on the statute book. It requirers jailers and other officeholding persons threatened with violence to arm the prisoner that he may defend himself, and to the prisoner that he may detend nimeel, and reprotect the prisoner with aid of a posse at the peril of forfeiting their offices. It makes it mandatory upon the county judge to furnish not less than two or more than ten armed guards, summoned from among the citizens, who are compelled under heavy penalty to protect for thirty days any toligate or other public or private property threatened by raiders, and provides pay for guards and severe penalties for all offenders captured.

RAILWAY CONDUCTORS OUT IN FORCE.

MORE THAN TWO THOUSAND DELEGATES AT THE LOS ANGELES CONVENTION. Los Angeles, Cal., May 12.-More than two thousand delegates to the twenty-sixth session of the Order of Rallway Conductors arrived yesterday, and before sunrise this morning an additional thousand had arrived to swell the throng now surging through the hotels. A large number of the delegates are accompanied by their wives and daughters, and the streets are gay with fluttering badges. The St. Louis special arrived this morning and the Chicago special yesterday afternoon in two sec-

Chicago special yesterday afternoon in two sections. The Pennsylvania division is delayed by a washout near El Paso. It is in two sections, and it probably will be a day before it can reach Los Angeles. The train bearing the New-York delegation is expected Friday morning.

Promptly on time the delegates convened at Music Hall, Grand Chief Conductor Clark occupying the chair. The rolleall showed a majority of the delegates present. The reports of the Grand Chief Conductor and other officers occupied the whole of the irrst session, which was followed by a public reception tendered to the visitors.

A QUESTION OF INTERNAL REVENUE LAW.

CALIFORNIANS TECHNICALLY LIABLE FOR A TAX

ON LOST BRANDY. San Francisco, May 12.-The Internal Revenue officials have had a nice question of Internal Revenue law put to them on account of the burning of the ship Francis off the coast of New-Jersey last Saturday. On the ship were 200,000 gallons of California wine and 29,000 gallons of California brandy. On the brandy there is a tax of \$1 10 a gallon. The On the brandy there is a tax of \$1 lo a gallon. The brandy was being transferred from a bonded warehouse in this city to one in the East, and Lachman & Co. and others in this city who owned the brandy, gave bonds that they would deliver it to a bonded warehouse in the East. Having failed to do so they are technically liable for \$33,000. It is a question for the Commissioner to determine, and as it is not known here whether any of the brandy was saved from the fire Lachman & Co. will be compelled to file a complaint.

RICH SUGAR LANDS OVERFLOWED.

ANOTHER BAD BREAK IN THE LINE OF LEVEES IN LOUISIANA.

New-Orleans, May 12.-The river is again stationary here, but at a point nearly two feet above the highest stage of 1893, the previous record year. The strain is terrific, but with the aid of good weather and heroic efforts is being stoutly borne. The financial drain is now becoming evident and the La Fourche Board has levied a special tax. President Thoman of the Orleans Board favors increasing the general levee tax from 1 to 2 mills.

The main fight is still at the Burton levee.

break which occurred in the levee at Baton Rouge at 7:30 o'clock this morning under the Burton Lumat 7:30 o'clock this morning under the Burton Lumber Company's dry klin is widening and deepening rapidly and it is probable the building will be washed away. Mr. Speliman, president of the Pontchartrain Levee district, and also in charge of the levee work being done by the Illinois Central Railroad Company, telegraphed at 1:30 p. m. that he sees no hope of closing the break. Trains on the Mississippi Valley Railroad will be suspended until arrangements can be made to transfer passengers around the break by river.

The water from this crevasse will cover one of the richest sugar districts on the Mississippi River, including portions of Eastern Baton Rouge, iberville, Ascension and St. James's parishes, and find its way into the Guif of Mexico through Bayou Manchac and Lakes Mauripas and Pontchartrain.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE IN SAN FRANCISCO. San Francisco, May 12-Early this morning fire broke out in the tannery of A. B. Patrick & Co., which occupies a strip of land on Sixth-ave., South, between Q and R sts., and two hours later there was little left but ruins. The loss to plant and stock is estimated at from \$400,-000 to \$425.000, with insurance of \$250,000. The buildings destroyed numbered ten, all frame structures. The fire had almost full sway after it started, from the fact that the fireren could not get to the rear, the strip of land on which the tannery was situated being bounded on three sides by tidewater.

Almost simultaneously five tenement-houses on Telegraph Hill were burned. The families occupying them barely escaped with their lives; loss, about \$75,000. 000 to \$425,000, with insurance of \$200,000. The build-

LIGHT ON AFFAIRS IN CUBA.

MEMBERS OF THE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE INSPECT OFFICIAL

REPORTS

WHAT THEY LEARNED AT THE STATE DEPART-MENT SAID TO INCREASE THE PROBABILITY

OF PASSING THE MORGAN RESOLUTION-THE PRESIDENT LIKELY TO AWAIT

MR. CALHOUN'S REPORT BE-FORE TAKING ANY ACTION.

Washington, May 12.-The Senate Committee on Foreign Relations did not finish considerstion of the Cuban situation to-day, and will meet to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock. The subcommittee, consisting of Senators Davis, Foraker and Morgan, which to-day saw the Cuban reports now held at the State Department, will probably ask for further time before submitting a statement to the full committee. sub-committee was unable to go through all the reports which have been received from Consul-General Lee and other consuls and officers in Cuba. At the meeting to-morrow it is possible that Senator Morgan will consent to have the resolution now pending in the Senate go over without prejudice until the committee can make its report. It is intended that all the reports

partment officials and the committee think would be prejudicial to persons on the island. EFFECT ON THE MORGAN RESOLUTION.

of consuls shall be sent to the Senate, but the

committee will select certain documents bear-

ing on the condition of affairs in the island, and

on these make its recommendations and report.

This report will generalize the situation, with-

out making public such matters as State De-

Some question has arisen as to the effect the report of the committee or the information at the State Department may have upon the resolution now pending in the Senate. Members of the committee do not express an opinion on the subject, but enough is known to justify the conclusion that, instead of weakening the resolution, its friends will find cause for insisting that there

is a strong reason for passing it. The object of the Foreign Relations Committee, which has deprecated hasty action and suggested that the resolution be referred to the committee, is that the Senate should not act in the premises until more information is at hand. The opponents of the resolution have declared that the newspaper reports of the conditions in Cuba are not based on facts and are highly exaggerated. Those who have become acquainted with the reports in the State Department are of the opinion that the reports in the press have been in the main correct. One member of the committee, when he had listened to the summary of the reports in the Department, said that a serious condition existed in Cuba, and that the inquiry now being made by the committee would result in

bringing to light the exact facts.

A STATEMENT FROM CHAIRMAN DAVIS. Some criticisms were made on members of the Foreign Relations Committee who about a year ago voted for a resolution similar to the one now pending, and who now ask for time to consider the matter with more deliberation. Speaking of this criticism, Chairman Davis said: "At the time the former resolution was reported, Gomez was at the head of a large army in the head of another army in the west. They could march from one end to the other of Cuba. Campos had been defeated in a great battle, and was shut within solid fortifications and confined to a small territory around Havana. Every one knew that a state of war existed. That was a year ago. Great changes have since taken place. Maceo is dead and his army dispersed. Gomes is at the head of but a small force; certainly it is no such army as was reported then. There are conflicting statements as to the strength of the insurgents and the control which Spain has over the island. It is right and proper that the facts that have since reached the State Department should be laid before the Senate and the committee, so that intelligent action can be had."

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Mr. Davis says that sympathy with the struggling Cubans is as great as ever.

Another member of the committee said that
the Senate was practically without official information for nearly a year. The Senate would
not be justified in acting on information a year
or even six months old. What it wanted was
the facts as they had been reported from time
to time and up to date.

NOT TO EMBARRASS THE PRESIDENT.

The Republicans of the committee do not feel justified in pushing the Administration until it has had time to act. It has been pointed out that only two months have elapsed since the Administration came into power, and it has scarcely had time to take up and consider so important a matter as that which has been presented. The pending resolution, unlike a joint resolution, will require the President either to approve or disapprove it. This being the case, the Republican Senators feel that they should act in conject with the Executive. It is not believed, in case the Foreign Relations Committee finds on a thorough examination of the reports in the State Department the resolution is justified, that any effort will be made to prevent its passage. Members of the committee feel that the question which confronts the Senate is serious, and any action taken will have great weight with the Administration. In case the resolution should pass both Senate and House, there is no reason to believe that it would not be approved, and it is probable that the United States Government would thereafter conduct itself on the lines which it lays down. approve or disapprove it. This being the case,

MR. CALHOUN'S REPORT AWAITED.

To-night the sub-committee met Secretary Sherman at the latter's house and had a long conference with him. The suggestion is adconference with him. The suggestion is vanced that the President will be inclined to wait for a report from Mr. Calhoun, who is now in Havana, before making his views definitely known. Mr. Calhoun went to Cuba primarily to investigate the circumstances attending the death of Dr. Ruiz, but it is believed that the President will expect him to report generally as to affairs on the island so far as his observation goes, and that Mr. Calhoun's conclusions will have great weight in determining the President's action. Assistant Secretary Day, of the State Department, was at the White House to-night and spent some time with the President.

A conference was held at the White House this afternoon between the President and Senators Davis. Foraker and Morgan, presumably about the Cuban question.

In the Senate to-day Mr. Morgan made a statement relative to his Cuban resolution. He said that the Committee on Foreign Relations had considered the question of referring the resolution to the committee and had not reached an agreement. The committee desired, however, that the resolution shall go over until noon to-morrow, with a view to having a statement of facts laid before the Senate at that time. On Mr. Morgan's request the resolution went over until to-morrow. vanced that the President will be inclined to wait

MR. CALHOUN REACHES HAVANA. AS SPECIAL COMMISSIONER, HE WILL INVESTE-GATE THE DEATH OF RUIZ

Havana, May 12.-William J. Calhoun, the special Commissioner appointed by President McKinley on April 28 to investigate the death of Dr. Ricardo Ruiz and other cases, who left Key West, Fla., last night for this place, arrived here to-day.
Captain-General Weyler has left Sancti Spiritus,
Province of Santa Clara, and has arrived at Arroyo Blanco.
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Admiral Nevarro signed yesterday the legal documents and records hearing on the cases of Ona Melton and William Leavitt, the American members of the Competitor's crew, and these will be forwarded to Spain on the 20th.

Eduardo Garcia, correspondent for a New-Tork newspaper, has been arrested.